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Stanley Hospital, Madras.

* 1133 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many beds are provided in the Government Stanley Hospital, Madras;

(*b*) how many in-patients are treated daily on an average;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that patients are thrown on verandahs without beds in the Stanley Hospital, Madras;

(*d*) why at least mats are not provided for them; and

(*e*) what is the discretionary amount allowed to the Dean of the Hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The sanctioned bed-strength of the hospital is 724.

" (*b*) 840.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Patients who are not provided with cots and who are accommodated in the verandahs are given mat-beds.

" (*e*) The Dean is empowered to incur expenditure on any one item of stores or furniture up to a limit of Rs. 500 at a time."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister who the honorary visitors to the hospital are and may I also know whether the Hon. Minister will come forward to constitute a committee to enquire into the matter of discrepancies and bad conditions prevailing in the hospital? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The present question deals with patients. Let the hon. Member give notice of a separate question."

Opening of orphanages in the Madras City out of temple funds.

* 1134 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to open orphanages in the Madras City out of temple funds; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) There is no proposal to open orphanages in the Madras City out of the temple funds apart from the one already opened at Adyar, Madras.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" Is there any proposal to open an orphanage in the City out of the funds available with the Hindu Religious Endowments Board? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No. Sir, not at present."

[Starred questions Nos. 1135 and 1136 were answered together.]